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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief description of the situation:
The International Secretariat has been informed, by reliable sources, of further arrests by the Indonesian Authorities following demonstrations in support of Bishop Belo in Dili on 25 November 1996. (see also **cases IDN/TMP 061296).**
On 19 November, 1996, twelve East Timorese youths, were seriously injured and arrested while participating in a demonstration in Suai. It is believed the youths were holding a peaceful demonstration and marched to the Administrative District building to hand over a petition in support of Bishop Belo, the leader of the Catholic Church in East Timor who has recently been the target of heavy critisim by the authorities.

According to a report received from reliable sources in East Timor, the demonstration became violent when members of the Indonesian military prevented the demonstrators from handing over the petition. A confrontation broke out between the youths and the military police, during which the Administrative District Building was damaged. It is believed the military then opened fire on the crowd and ten youths were shot, suffering serious injuries. The ten injured youths were them arrested, and their current whereabouts is unknown.

Given the circumstances of their arrest the International Secretariat is gravely concerned for their physical and psychological integrity. It is further feared that they may not be provided with adequate medical care

The ten injured detainees are all from the Suai district:

Agapito Amaral, 20	Assumate, village of Debos, sub-district of Suai
Celestino Henrique, 21	Assumate, village of Debos, sub-district of Suai
Joao do Rego de Carvalho, 19	Assumate, village of Debos, sub-district of Suai
Cezar Monisall, 31	Assumate, village of Debos, sub-district of Suai
Bernardo, 28	Has Caduak, village of Camanasa, sub-district of Suai
Paulas Moruo, 19	Suai Loro, village of Camanasa, sub-district of Suai
Eusebio, 19	Palet, village of Lour, sub-district of Zumalai
Nuno Alves Noronha, 24	Matai in the village of Lour, sub-district of Zumalai
Alcino Afonso, 19	Salele in the village of Mau Demo, sub-district of Tilomar

Also injured was a child (see case below) The report also names the members of the Indonesian authorities who opened fire on the crowd: Hendang Sugito, ABRI Sergeant; Sugito, ABRI Officer;Made; Police Sergeant; Marcos I, Jacinto Gusmao, Elviro, Clementino A and Cornelio, all rank of Furiel, ABRI; Sebastiao, Candido, Joao, Januario, Alberto Gomes, Inacio and Carlos, all ABRI soldiers; members of one BTT Battalion; Police and members of two other Battalions. (Note: a Furiel is one rank below Sergeant)

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During the arrests **Isabel de Araujo**, 14, Assumate, village of Debos, sub-district of Suai was also allegedly shot, injured and detained along with the other youth.

Action requested :
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. guarantee the physical and psychological of all those detained in and immediately locate their whereabouts and ensure that the above persons are provided with immediate and appropriate medical attention.;

ii. provide the names of all the people who have already been detained following the recent demonstrations and order their immediate release if they are detained without valid charges or, if such charges exist, bring them before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times;

iii. open a full impartial inquiry into the events, identify all those responsible and bring them to trial and apply the penal, civil and /or administrative sanctions provided by legislation;

iv put an end to the excessive use of force in particular the use of live ammunition;

iv. guarantee in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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